

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are currently in the case. In the Election/Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of either: (I) Claims 1-37 and 40-42; and (II) Claims 38-39 for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner also required election of one of the following species: (1) Figures 1-3; (2) Figures 4, 4a, and 5-7; (3) Figures 4, 4b, and 5-7; (4) Figures 4, 4c, and 5-7; (5) Figures 4, 4d, and 5-7; and (6) Figures 4, 4e, and 5-7. Applicants hereby elect Group I: Claims 1-37 and 40-42. Applicants further elect Species 1: Figures 1-3. Of the claims in Group I, claims 1-10, 12-18, 20-28, 30-37, and 40-42 read on the elected species. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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